

CLAIMS

1. A lawn irrigation system comprising:

a frame;

a motor operably attached to the frame;

5 at least one drive wheel operably connected to the motor;

a sprinkler arm operably connected to the motor for dispersing water in a selected pattern;

and

a cover attached to the frame so that the cover at least partially covers the frame, the

motor, and the at least one drive wheel so that the lawn irrigation system

10 resembles an object other than a sprinkler.

2. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the cover includes an inner patterned layer providing the cover with an appearance of the object and an outer protective layer that protects the inner patterned layer from degradation caused by natural and artificial elements.

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3. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the cover is in the shape of an automobile, monster truck, tank, pick-up truck, Indy car, or dragster.

20 4. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the cover is removably attached to the

frame.

5. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the motor is water powered.

6. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the motor is operable at more than one gear ratio.

5 7. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, and further comprising a stop mechanism that enables flow of water through the lawn irrigation system to be substantially stopped.

8. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, and further comprising at least one guide wheel operably attached to the frame.

10 9. The lawn irrigation system of claim 1, wherein the sprinkler arm is rotatable about a first axis, wherein the sprinkler arm comprises a pair of spray tubes that are each rotatable about a second axis that is substantially perpendicular to the first axis.

15 10. A method of fabricating a lawn irrigation system, the method comprising:
operably attaching a motor to a frame, wherein the motor is connectable to a water hose;
operably connecting at least one drive wheel to the motor;
operably connecting a sprinkler arm to the motor, wherein the sprinkler arm is capable of dispersing water in a selected pattern; and
attaching a cover to at least partially cover the frame, the motor, and the at least one drive wheel so that the lawn irrigation system resembles an object other than a sprinkler.

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11. The method of claim 10, and further comprising forming the cover comprising:
 - printing a pattern on a sheet of durable plastic composition;
 - forming the printed sheet into a shape that resembles the automobile by placing the printed sheet over a male mold section;
 - covering the formed printed sheet with a first plastic composition; and
 - solidifying the first plastic composition into a durable translucent outwardly facing layer on the formed printed sheet so that the pattern is visible from an outer surface of the automobile-shaped cover.
12. The method of claim 11, and further comprising molding a second plastic composition on an inner surface of the cover.
13. The method of claim 11, and further comprising distorting the pattern so that the pattern compensates for stretching of the printed sheet as the printed sheet is formed over the male mold section.
14. The method of claim 10, wherein the cover is formed in the shape of an automobile, monster truck, tank, pick-up truck, Indy car, or dragster.
15. The method of claim 10, wherein the cover is removably attached to the frame.

16. The method of claim 10, and further comprising providing the motor with at least two gear ratios.

17. The method of claim 10, and further comprising operably attaching a stop mechanism to
5 the motor, which enables flow of water through the lawn irrigation system to substantially stop.

18. A method of irrigating a lawn, the method comprising:

fabricating a lawn irrigation system, comprising:

operably attaching a motor to a frame

10 operably connecting at least one drive wheel to the motor;

operably connecting a sprinkler arm to the motor; and

attaching a cover to at least partially cover the frame, the motor, and the at least
one drive wheel so that the lawn irrigation system resembles an object
15 other than a sprinkler;

connecting the motor to a water hose;

flowing water through the motor and the sprinkler arm to cause the at least one drive
wheel to rotate and thereby move the lawn irrigation system over the lawn; and
dispersing water in a selected pattern from the sprinkler arm, wherein a person using the
lawn irrigation system displays a fondness for a particular type of organization or
20 group.

19. The method of claim 18, and further comprising:

operably attaching at least one guide wheel to the frame;
orienting the water hose in a selected path on the lawn; and
irrigating the lawn by rolling the at least one guide wheel along the water hose.

5 20. The method of claim 18, wherein the cover is formed in the shape of an automobile,
monster truck, tank, pick-up truck, Indy car, or dragster.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein the automobile shape cover is removably attached to
the frame.

10 22. The method of claim 18, and further comprising providing the motor with at least two
gear ratios.

15 23. The method of claim 18, and further comprising operably attaching a stop mechanism to
the motor, which enables flow of water through the lawn irrigation system to substantially stop.